

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0023] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0023] As shown in FIGS. 2-8, the base 30 is a single molded element having a slide channel 48 formed by opposing lateral walls 50, 52, a rear wall 54 and a side wall 56. Toward each end portion 60, 62 of the base, there are a pair of generally rectangular cylinders 64, 66 and 68, 70 for receiving snap arms 72, 74, 76, 78 molded with the cover 32. Each snap arm extends outwardly and includes an enlarged extended end for causing an interference fit with the lock base 30. Between each pair of rectangular cylinders, there is a circular cylinder 80, 82 having an opening 84, 86 to receive a rivet (not shown). At the upper end portion 60 of the base is a key groove 90 that receives a tab connected to the item to be locked, such as the dome of a telecommunication pedestal closure, so as to facilitate alignment of the slide lock during assembly of the lock with the dome. Incorporated herein by reference is applicants' co-pending Application Number \_\_\_\_\_, (~~attorney docket 560043-620640~~) 10/712,612 entitled "Improved Pedestal Closure Assembly", where details of the pedestal closure are disclosed.